



ON THE REVIEWER'S TABLE

"Gen. Joseph Wheeler and the Army of Tennessee."

By John Witherspoon DuBose. The Neale Publishing Company, of New York. \$3.00 net.

The inscription of this book says it is a memorial to General Joseph Wheeler, who was universally adored in the North and was accepted simply as an experiment that must, under the conditions, be given a trial.

In referring to service rendered the Confederacy by its cavalry, the author is of the opinion that "The Cavalry Arm of the Confederate Service" represented with historic emphasis the peculiar military capacity of the Southern people. He illustrates the truth of what he has to say by citing instances—the ability of General Johnston to come to the rescue of Beauregard and save him from impending defeat through the leadership of General Stuart; the ability of General Lee to cross the Potomac River undisturbed; the march of the Cavalry Corps into East Tennessee and give Bragg time to fight at Chickamauga; that Forrest struck Smith's picked force of cavalry at Okolona, Miss., and with less than half its numbers drove it pell-mell back to Memphis in February of 1864; that in June of the same year Hampton struck Sheridan at Trevilian Station, Louisiana, and brought Sheridan's expedition to join Hunt at Lynchburg, Va., and close so that Sheridan reported to Grant, "I regret my inability to carry out your instructions."

The author quotes from a letter written to Halleck by Sherman in which the latter said: "The young bloods of the South, sons of planters, the lawyers about town, good billiard players and sportsmen, men who never did work and never will—war suits them and the reason is that they are the same kind of subjects in every sense. They are the best cavalry in the world."

In so far as General Wheeler's career is concerned Mr. DuBose outlines in brief the incidents of his life, from such education which was destined at West Point and destined him for the United States Army; his resignation when Georgia withdrew from the Union, his experiences in Pensacola and Mobile and his baptism of fire on the field of Shiloh and the beginning of his career in August of 1862, when, with 500 men much worn and jaded, he made a successful raid into West Tennessee in fear of Halleck at Corinth.

Other chapters deal with the Kentucky and Murfreesboro campaigns, the Horse Marine expedition and Dover, the Straight raid, the Shelbyville raid, the evacuation of Tennessee, the Chickamauga campaign, the Sequatchie Valley raid, the Knoxville and Dalton-Atlanta campaign and that of Hood at Atlanta, coming before Wheeler's last raid, and the destruction of Hood's army, soon to be followed by the downfall of the Confederacy. A chapter is devoted to a sketch of General Joseph E. Johnston, in which a high tribute is paid to this great soldier. The author in referring to the wounding of General Johnston at the beginning of McClellan's attack on Richmond says that in the moment of returning consciousness Johnston inquired for a Revolutionary sword and whether he had given him a pair of revolvers, a present to him from the inventor, Colt. To a young courier volunteer who sought and found these relics Johnston presented the pistols. In the battle of Gettysburg, General Johnston saw the colonel of a regiment going out to the picket line without a water-proof. He immediately handed him a coat, saying that he had two.

The book ends with the text of General Wheeler's farewell address to his soldiers, written from Cavalry Corps Headquarters, April 29, 1865. Afterwards General Wheeler was arrested near Washington, Georgia, taken north with Mr. Davis and Mr. Stevens and kept in solitary confinement at Fort Delaware. After some months' imprisonment he was released by the order of the Secretary of War. Mr. DuBose's book is written from the vantage of intimate personal acquaintance with General Wheeler and a correspondence with him that extended through years. His former biography, "Life and Times of Vaney," established a standard that lends the reader to expect in his book on a great soldier-leader and a true army just what he has given, a great Confederate story worthy of the man about whom it is written.

"The Guests of Hercules."
By C. N. and A. M. Williamson. Doubleday, Page & Company, of Garden City, N. Y.

The scene in this book is Monte Carlo, and the rich color illustrations by A. Buckland and M. L. Bracker do full justice to the enchanting scenery about the famous resort. The book is one of the most ambitious efforts of this versatile pair.

The heroine of the novel is most attractively sketched in. She is an English girl, an orphan brought up at a convent and intended for a convent. At the last moment a legacy left the girl, whose name is Mary Grant, diverts her from her purpose and decides her after destiny in an entirely different way. She first leaves the convent for the home of an aunt in London. Finding her aunt and cousin totally ungenial, however, and desiring above all else to spend the winter in the south and visit Italy, Mary Grant, utterly ignorant of transgressing conventionalities, started alone on her journey to Florence. But her wild blood in her veins, and when she met a party of English people headed for Monte Carlo, she too left the train there and sought quarters at the Hotel de Paris, having enough money to choose her own quarters and follow out her own whims.

These were, first of all, to buy herself such attire as she considered would be proper for her to appear in at the Casino. For she had decided to go there and try her fortune at the Casino tables. She went, was wonderfully successful, and, being young and beautiful, her name was speedily coming a habitué of the play rooms at the Casino and a great favorite with the croupiers, when Love, in the person of the Prince Della Robbia, appeared, and love being stronger than anything else, Mary Grant gave up the Casino to become a happy wife.

Of course there were complications. Mary's name being the same as that of a former schoolfellow at the convent, who had gone seriously wrong, Mary had to suffer for this girl's misdeeds. She had also to suffer severely from the rapaciousness of a married couple of adventurers whose acquaintance she had mistakenly made when she first left England. Being altogether unsuspicious and generous herself, she could not possibly comprehend the treachery and baseness with which kindness and forbearance are sometimes repaid.

But at last Mary married her prince and went with him into the desert, far from the temptations and allurements of such a world as that which gathers at Monaco.

The story is told with all the color in description and all the beauty in imagery which render the Williamson "popular" writers. The picture of Mary's last days at the convent, in the shadowed garden where the three Marys of the school had gathered together in childhood; the satire upon English society given by Mary's brief life in the fog-enveloped London; the love-story of Monte Carlo as it burst upon Mary's vision and as she saw it afterwards, silvered by moonlight, crimsoned by dawn, and languished under the spell of noon; the charm of the hillside retreat of the cure, who gave Mary his blessing in the rose arbor of his garden; and the good work of the Protestant rector and his wife, moving like figures of mercy among the human flotsam and jetsam thrown by fate in their way. All these things, separately and together, help to render the book just what it is, a novel of the romantic class, with an individuality and power that belong to whatever appears under the names of C. N. and A. M. Williamson.

"The Regulation of Municipal Utilities."

Edited by Clyde Lyndon King. D. Appleton & Company, of New York and London. 1150 net.

This work covers the whole subject of municipal utility, discussing in turn the various problems. The arrangement is such as to give the reader not only a clear view of the principles involved, but also a resume of the experience of different communities in dealing with this question.

First is taken up "The Need for Regulation" in which the author says: "For the protection of his life and property from brute violence he has the aid of public agencies; but for the advancement of his material, physical and moral well-being and happiness he must depend upon the efficiency of private agencies. The urban world is, therefore, more dependent upon the degree of thoroughness with which these private agencies are regulated, than he is of the efficiency of his city government proper. In the interest of his well-being and efficiency he must be thoroughly regulated."

Then follow chapters on "Municipal Ownership versus Adequate Regulation," "The Minneapolis Gas Rate," "A Typical Struggle for a City's Rights," by S. P. Jones; "Franchise Rights," by S. P. Jones; "The Method of Regulation as Applied to Gas Companies in Massachusetts," by H. N. Wrightington; "Is a National Basis Possible for Telephone Rates?" by

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